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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY ACTION OFFICER ON ICEM (TARCISIO ROCHA) INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER THAT ICEM VERY USEFUL TO GOB. HE EXPLAINED THAT BRAZIL TURNS TO THE ICEM WHEN IT NEEDS SKILLED PEOPLE FOR IMPORTANT SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY ON SHORT NOTICE. HE ADDED THAT THE GOB FINDS THAT IN MANY RESPECTS ICEM MIGRANTS ARE A SUBSTITUTE FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CHEAPER IN THE LONG RUN.

2. THE BRAZILIAN PROGRAM IS HIGHLY CONTROLLED; MOST OF THE MIGRANTS ARE CHOSEN BECAUSE THEY HAVE SKILLS WHICH THE NATIONAL MAN POWER COUNCIL, IN CONSULTATION WITH SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIES, HAS FOUND TO BE IN DEMAND. A NUMBER OF COMPANIES AND INSTITUTIONS PARTICULARLY THOSE DEALING IN HIGH TECHNOLOGY FIELDS AS AERO-SPACE AND NUCLEAR ENERGY, HAVE TURNED TO THE ICEM PROGRAM AS A SOURCE FOR THE SKILLED MANPOWER.

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3. BRAZIL WILL RECEIVE A LARGER NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS IN 1973 THAN 1972 AND CAN ABSORB A FURTHER INCREASE IN THE FUTURE. THE SOURCE CLAIMED BRAZIL HAS THE LOWEST LEVEL OF REPATRIATION OF COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM. THE GOB COUNTRY-BUTION TO ICEM, ACCORDING TO ROCHA, REPRESENTS 2.6 PERCENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUDGET, BUT BRAZIL'S SHARE OF THE OPERATIONAL BUDGET IS MUCH LARGER; IT CONTRIBUTES ABOUT \$100.00 FOR EVERY IMMIGRANT IT RECEIVES. BRAZIL IS MAKING A LARGER CONTRIBUTION IN PERCENTAGE TERMS TO ICEM THAN IT DOES TO MANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. INCREASES IN BRAZIL'S CONTRIBUTION ARE LIMITED BY A GOVERNMENT-WIDE PLANNING MINISTRY DIRECTIVE.

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